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Diana Zuckerman is an expert on national health policy, particularly in women's health. She is the President of the National Center for Health Research (formerly National Research Center for Women & Families). After receiving her Ph.D. in psychology at Ohio State University and a post-doc in epidemiology at Yale School of Medicine, Dr. Zuckerman embarked on an academic career which included stints at Vassar College, Yale, and Harvard University. Dr. Zuckerman left her academic career in 1983, to come to Washington, D.C. as a

Congressional Science Fellow in the program run by the American Association of the Advancement of Science. After spending the year as a staff member in the House of Representatives, she spent the next ten years working as a Congressional staffer in the House and Senate, working to improve federal health programs and policies for adults and children. She initiated highly influential Congressional hearings on a wide range of health issues, including cancer prevention and treatment and the safety of medical products. She also served briefly as Director of Policy, Planning and Legislation at the Center for Mental Health Services (HHS). In 1995, Dr. Zuckerman served as a senior policy advisor in the White House, working for First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and the Office of Science and Technology Policy. Since 1996, she has served in leadership positions at nonprofit organizations, and has been in her current position since 1999. Among Dr. Zuckerman's other endeavors are a position as a fellow at UPenn's Center for Bioethics until its recent closing and positions on the Board of Directors of two nonprofits focused on strengthening the FDA. She has served as a chair of the Women's Health Promotion Council in Maryland. Dr. Zuckerman is the author of five books, several book chapters, and dozens of articles in medical and academic journals, and in newspapers across the country. Her policy work has resulted in news coverage on all the major TV and radio networks, and in major U.S. print media such as The New York Times, The Washington Post, Los Angeles Times, and Boston Globe.